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3. Glen and he's got to have something to talk about to his
4. customers. And seeing as he doesn't get out much and find
5. out what the conditions actually are on the ground there's
6. only one thing he can do to keep his talk goin'...and that's
7. to be a chronic opposer to any wildlife changes.
8. BESS: Well, here he comes Jim. There's his car now, turning up
9. here in the drive. (FADING) I guess I'd better not stay
10. here if....
11. JIM: (CHUCKLES) We'll handle it all right, Bess. There won't be
12. any ruckus.
13. JERRY: Get a load of that, Jim. He's all decked out like a hunter.
14. Yeah, he's opposed to the early season all right but he's
15. up here bright and early to be sure he doesn't miss out on
16. any good shooting.
17. SOUND OF FOOTSTEPS UP STEPS FOLLOWED BY DOOR OPENING
18. JIM: Well, Ike ... good morning. Glad to have you pay us a visit.
19. By George, this is the first time you've been up in this
20. country to see us for years.
21. IKE: (MIDDLE AGES, CRABBY) Now don't try to give me the old glad
22. hand, ranger. I know you birds must feel pretty cocky about
23. gettin' this deer season extended and the buck law taken off.
24. But I'm not licked yet.
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Jim:

By George, this is the first time you've been up in this country to see us for years. I know you birds must feel pretty good about getting this deer season extended and the buck law taken off. But I'm not licked yet.

1. JIM: Ike, nobody's tryin' to lick anybody. All we're trying to do
2. is make sure we have a permanent deer herd up there in the
3. North Fork. That oughta help protect your business, too.
4. The Forest Service doesn't set the game laws here in the
5. national forests...That's done by the State Game Department.
6. Your own local sportsmen's organizations were in favor...
7. IKE: Yeah I know they were in favor of it after you rangers had
8. passed out all that rot about the deer range bein' ruined
9. and the deer dyin' from starvation. I know you rangers up
10. here. You want to get rid of the deer so you can make more
11. room for livestock.
12. JERRY: (FLARING UP) Now look here, Mr. Judson...If you think...
13. JIM: Never mind, Jerry. Ike, have you ever been up there in the
14. North Fork country where these new regulations apply?
15. IKE: Certainly I've been up there. I hunted all over that country.
16. When I was a kid...
17. JIM: That was quite a few years ago, wasn't it, Ike?
18. IKE: Sure it was several years ago but there wasn't any sheep...
19. JIM: There aren't any sheep now, Mr. Judson. Let's get this
20. livestock business cleared up before we go any farther.
21. That North Fork country is not livestock range and never
22. has been. We want to maintain the deer in there, and...
23. JERRY: Look here at this map, Mr. Judson....
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in fact since we have a permanent deer herd in these areas

The Forest Service doesn't set the same laws here as the

National Forest. That's done by the State Game Department.

Now I know they were in there at it after you hunters had

passed out all that shot about the deer range with them?

and the Fox didn't from observation. I know you hunters go

here. You want to get rid of the deer so you can take some

room for livestock.

(Standing up) Now look here, Mr. Johnson. Is you think...

I've been up there, Jerry. Now, have you ever been up there in the

Just only I've been up there. I hunted all over this country

then I was a kid...

There it was several years ago but there wasn't any sheep.

There wasn't any sheep now, Mr. Johnson. Let's get this

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has been. We want to maintain the deer in there, and...

1. IKE: I'm not interested in any of your maps, young man..or any
2. of your so-called scientific ideas either. You say the
3. deer have increased up there 'till they're too crowded.
4. But I know there ain't hardly no deer left up there now,
5. and I'm going up there and prove it. I'm gonna make a
6. huntin' trip, but I ain't expectin' to even see a deer.

7. JIM: Seems to me, Mr. Judson, you're not really interested in
8. wildlife. You're just interested in your own arguments.
9. If you'll just sit down here and be reasonable....

10. IKE: reasonable...It doesn't take much reasonin' to see through
11. what you're up to here. You're usin' a hatched up story
12. to get rid of the deer.

13. JIM: We do want to reduce the number of deer, Ike. But it's not
14. to get rid of 'em. On the contrary it's to preserve them
15. and maintain a thriving healthy herd. You see, they're too
16. crowded up there, like I told you, and they're eating up
17. their food supply faster than it can grow. Regulated
18. hunting is the best way I know of to take care of the
19. situation...and if we don't take care of the situation,
20. Nature will...and Nature will do it the hard way, by
21. wholesale slaughter from slow starvation and lingering
22. disease. Nature can be cruel, sometimes...

23. IKE: Well...I'm just tellin' yuh I'm going up there and see for
24. myself. I still don't believe there's much of any deer
25. left up there. Not enough to warrant no extra hunting
season, anyhow.

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Well... I'm just telling you I'm going up there and see the
myself. I still don't believe there's much of any deer
left up there. Now enough to warrant no extra hunting
season, maybe.

1. JIM: Well, all I've got to say, Ike, is good luck to you and I
2. hope you get far enough up the North Fork to find out the
3. whole story. When you get back we'll be glad to talk to you.
4. SOUND OF DOOR SLAMMING
5. JERRY: Happy hunting, Mr. Judson.
6. MUSIC UP AND OUT
7. BESS: Jim have you heard any more from that Ike Judson after he
8. stopped in here on his way to the North Fork?
9. JIM: (CHUCKLES) No Bess, and I doubt if I will hear from him
10. again. He's apt to be pretty sot in his ideas no matter
11. what he sees.
12. JERRY: He got back into the deer country all right, Jim. He checked
13. in at the Roundtop checking station the afternoon of the
14. same day he stopped and put in his two-bits worth here.
15. As far as I know he hasn't been checked back out so he must
16. still be up there.
17. BESS: Well, I wouldn't be at all surprised but that a lot of people
18. feel just like Ike Judson does. I mean about hunting deer.
19. JIM: I guess they do all right, Bess. I guess it's pretty hard for
20. a lot of people to see how increased hunting in some cases
21. might be good for the deer.
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2 hope you got the enough on the North Fork to find out the
3 whole story. When you hear back we'll be glad to talk to you.
4 SOUND OF DOOR SLAMMING
5 Happy hunting, Mr. Jackson.
6 MUSIC UP AND OUT
7 Jim says you heard my story from that the Jackson after he
8 stopped in here on his way to the North Fork?
9 (WHISPERING) No, Bear, and I doubt if I will hear from him
10 again. He's not so sure of himself and he's afraid to answer
11 what he sees.
12 He got back into the deer country all right, Jim. He knows
13 in at the township checking places the afternoon of the
14 same day he stopped and put in his two days work here.
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18 feel just like the Jackson does. I mean about hunting deer.
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20 a lot of people to see how increased hunting in some cases
21 might be good for the deer.

1. JERRY: Sure, I can see how people who aren't familiar with the
2. actual conditions on the range might be opposed to more
3. deer hunting or shooting the does. Especially when in a
4. lot of places conditions are just the other way around..
5. with not enough deer.
6. BESS: Yes, but Jerry, instead of having more hunting why can't the
7. deer be trapped in these overcrowded areas where they're
8. doing damage to the range? Why can't they be caught and
9. moved to some of the less crowded areas where they're needed?
10. JIM: We're doing that, Bess...trapping and moving deer from
11. over-stocked to understocked areas. But we don't have the
12. money or man-power to do very much of it, and it would be
13. just too big a job to try to take care of all our millions
14. of deer that way...and it wouldn't solve the ultimate
15. problem of increasing population anyway. Yes, that's a
16. part of the answer, Bess, but the main answer will have to
17. be to manage our deer herds something like a farmer manages
18. his cattle herd...Keep growing healthy new stock, but don't
19. let the herd get too big for the pasture.--And carefully
20. regulated hunting seems to be the best way to take care
21. of the increase.
22. BESS: I see.
23. JIM: David Harum used to say a certain amount of fleas is good
24. for a dog. I guess sometimes a certain amount of hunting is
25. good for the deer.

SOUND OF TELEPHONE RINGING

1. JIM: I'll answer it. (SOUND OF RECEIVER ON HOOK) Hello...Who?...
2. Dave Parsons? ...Yes,sure. (OFF TELEPHONE) One of the boys
3. up at the CCC Camp putting in a call for the Camp
4. Superintendent.
5. JERRY: (LAUGHS) They're sure getting mighty business-like up there
6. havin' the secretary put through the calls for the boss.
7. JIM: (IN TELEPHONE) Hello?...Yeah. (CHUCKLES) That's pretty
8. good, Dave, havin' the boys put through your calls for you..
9. Huh?...Oh. Trouble with a hunter, eh?...What?... No-oo!
10. You sure he's tellin' a straight story?...Is that so? U-m-m.
11. Pretty badly cut up, huh? That's the craziest accident yet...
12. Huh? Gonna sue me for not givin' him fair warnin'? (CHUCKLES)
13. That's just like him all right. But don't let it worry you.
14. I warned him all right, but he wouldn't listen...No Dave no,
15. not at all...Oh sure. If he wants one of the boys to drive
16. him down go ahead. We'll put the boy up for the night here
17. at the station and bring him back to camp tomorrow..Yeah...
18. Uh huh. Okay Dave. So-long.
19. SOUND OF RECEIVER ON HOOK
20. JIM: (CHUCKLING) Well, that beats the Dutch. Almost a "believe
21. it or not." (CHUCKLES) And of all people for it to happen to.
22. JERRY: Well come on, and let us in on it.
23. BESS: Yes Jim, what happened?
24. JIM: (CHUCKLES) We were just talkin' about Ike Judson. He's up
25. there at the CCC Camp and he had an accident.

I'll answer it. (SOUND OF TELEPHONE ON HOOK) Hello, what have I heard? ... Yes, sure. (SOUND OF TELEPHONE ON HOOK) One of the boys up at the 500 Camp putting in a call for the 600 Camp.

Reported.

(LAUGH) They're sure getting mighty business-like no more, having the secretary put through the calls for the boys.

The secretary is a very nice girl.

Good, Dave, having the boys put through your calls for you.

Right. Oh, trouble with a hunter, eh? What? No more.

You sure he's telling a straight story? It's not a lie.

Pretty badly out of it, huh? That's the craziest excuse yet.

Well, I don't know, but I don't see how it can be.

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2. JIM: (CHUCKLES) No, Jerry. He got run over ... run over by a

3. herd of deer.

4. BESS: By a herd of deer?

5. JIM: That's what they said, Bess. According to Dave Parsons,

6. Ike was up there in the woods and he ran onto a big buck

7. standin' out in an open meadow. So he got himself all

8. squared away and took a shot at the buck. And just as he

9. shot there was a herd of about ten deer that he hadn't

10. seen, come stampedin' out of the brush behind him and ran

11. right over him.

12. JERRY: No!

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21. JERRY: (LAUGHS) Oh boy I bet Mr. Judson won't be hollering any

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